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ATTACHMENT I FOR 2010-2011 LES CONTRACT AMENDMENTS (WITH 2 ATTACHMENTS)

Thank you for taking the time to review and comment on the draft Attachment I for LES contract amendments. A listing of comments received and actions taken is attached. Also attached is the revised Attachment I.

In response to the many requests received, the minimum salary requirement for Family Resource Specialists is being deleted from the Attachment I. If your LES has a special need for a minimum salary requirement for the FRS to be stated in the contract, please notify D'Lo Trejo @ d_trejo@doh.state.fl.us.

"Contract Issues Q & A" has been added as a topic for discussion on the May 5 LES Directors and Coordinators Conference call and CMS Contract Management staff will be there to answer questions.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

CMS PROVIDER ENROLLMENT PROCESS REMINDER

Please remember that providers who are not approved by the CMS Provider Enrollment Unit should not be providing services to Early Steps children. Even while an individual is pending approval in the enrollment system they are not to provide any services to Early Steps children. The CMS Provider Enrollment automated system is up and running and is, for the most part, a paperless process. Therefore, the system is working more efficiently and providing a much faster turnaround time for provider enrollment determinations. The only exception should be when a family has health insurance that will cover an IFSP service and the provider on the insurance is not enrolled with CMS Provider Management.

ITDS MENTORSHIP

An ITDS Mentorship can only be conducted by CMS enrolled ITDSs. In order to be compliant with the CMS Provider Handbook for Non-Licensed Healthcare Professionals and the Early Steps ITDS mentoring application requirements, all of the mentoring activities must be completed by a CMS enrolled ITDS - mentoring done by other disciplines do not apply and will not be approved by ESSO.

BILLING OF T1024 TS/EVALS BY ITDSs

There has been an ongoing issue with the EIS providers billing T1024 TS/Evals by ITDSs. Medicaid's fiscal agent, HP, has only been paying up to 3 units rather than the allowed full 4 units. Medicaid Contract Management believes that the glitch has been resolved. Any Early Steps providers continuing to have an issue with this procedure code are asked to take the following action:

* Void original claim(s) for payments that were paid incorrectly. Then submit a new claim to HP with the appropriate number of units up to four.

* If you experience problems after that, please notify your program manager with documentation.

FLORIDA'S PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION (With 2 Attachments)

Prevent Child Abuse (PCA) Florida's Pinwheels for Prevention campaign is receiving an incredible amount of positive feedback on the various local events being held in communities across the state. The 2010

Parenting Guides is in high demand and PCA is attempting to re-print another bulk order. For those of you that are interested in obtaining an order of the books, please fill out the attached form and return to Christie Ferris (cferris@ounce.org) by Monday, April 26.

Please also consider placing an order for these books if your Circuit, County or Region will be implementing a local Family Strengthening Initiative as part of the Florida Child Abuse Prevention and Permanency Plan: July 2010 – June 2015. The parenting guide includes extensive information on child development, positive parenting tips and activities that promote nurturing and attachment and a community resources section. The booklets can complement your local efforts as you work with families on building the five protective factors. If you would like to view an electronic copy of the guide, please visit: http://www.ounce.org/CAP2010/Parent_Booklet.pdf

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR LINKING ACTIONS FOR
UNMET NEEDS IN CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Short Title: Project LAUNCH

(Initial Announcement)

Request for Applications (RFA) No. SM-10-012

Posting on Grants.gov: April 16, 2010

Original Receipt date: May 17, 2010

Announcement Type: Initial

Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) No.: 93.243

Key Dates:

Application Deadline	Applications are due by May 17, 2010
Intergovernmental Review (E.O. 12372)	Applicants must comply with E.O. 12372 if their State(s) participates. Review process recommendations from the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) are due no later than 60 days after application deadline.
Public Health System Impact Statement (PHSIS) /Single State Agency Coordination	Applicants must send the PHSIS to appropriate State and local health agencies by application deadline. Comments from Single State Agency are due no later than 60 days after application deadline.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2010 for Cooperative Agreements for Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health (Project LAUNCH). The purpose of Project LAUNCH is to promote the wellness of young children, birth to 8 years of age, through the implementation of a systematic community planning process. Project LAUNCH defines wellness as optimal functioning across all developmental domains, including physical, social, emotional, cognitive and behavioral health. The goal of Project LAUNCH is to create a shared vision for the wellness of young children that drives the development of Federal, State, Territorial, Tribal and locally-based networks for the coordination of key child-serving systems and the integration of behavioral and physical health services. The expected result is for children to be thriving in safe, supportive environments and entering school ready to learn and able to succeed. For this program, substance abuse prevention is an integral part of behavioral health which includes healthy social and emotional development, positive behaviors among young children, as well as the opportunity to live in families and communities that are safe, stable and free from substance abuse and other negative behaviors.

Through coordinated services Project LAUNCH will work in funded communities to:

- Increase the number of jurisdictions implementing a community planning process
- Enable coordination across service systems and community organizations
- Increase the number of communities utilizing evidence-based practices
- Increase the number of children receiving evidence-based services
- Increase the number of children screened for behavioral health issues
- Increase the number of number of individuals referred for behavioral health services

Project LAUNCH is grounded in the public health approach, working towards coordinated programs that take a comprehensive view of health, addressing the physical, emotional, social, cognitive and behavioral aspects of well-being. The public health approach addresses the health needs of the population rather than only addressing the health problems of individuals. Project LAUNCH seeks to improve outcomes at the individual and community levels by addressing risk factors that can lead to negative outcomes. Project LAUNCH simultaneously promotes protective factors that support resilience and healthy development which can protect individuals from later social, emotional, cognitive, physical and behavioral problems, including early substance and alcohol use.

Project LAUNCH will award cooperative agreements to bring together stakeholders across the child-serving system to develop a vision and a comprehensive strategic plan for promoting the wellness of all young children. This coordinated network will develop policies, financial mechanisms and other reforms to improve the integration and efficiency of the child-serving system. Local communities will also use Project LAUNCH funds to enhance and expand the delivery of evidence-based programs and practices that promote the wellness of young children and their families and prevent

social, emotional and behavioral problems. The development of a coordinated system to promote young child wellness, and the implementation of best practices in prevention and wellness promotion at the local level will serve as a model throughout the State/Territory/Tribe to be replicated in other jurisdictions.

SAMHSA has demonstrated that - prevention works, treatment is effective, and people recover from mental and substance use disorders. Behavioral health services improve health status and reduce health care and other costs to society. Continued improvement in the delivery and financing of prevention, treatment and recovery support services provides a cost effective opportunity to advance and protect the Nation's health. To continue to improve the delivery and financing of prevention, treatment and recovery support services, SAMHSA has identified ten Strategic Initiatives to focus the Agency's work on people and emerging opportunities. More information on these Initiatives is available at the SAMHSA website: <http://www.samhsa.gov/About/strategy.aspx>.

Applications responsive to this Request for Application must implement evidence-based or best practices that will create or expand capacity to address the following SAMHSA Strategic Initiative:

Prevention of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness - Create prevention prepared communities where individuals, families, schools, workplaces, and communities take action to prevent and reduce mental illness and substance abuse across the lifespan.

Project LAUNCH cooperative agreements are authorized under Section 520A of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–32). This announcement addresses Healthy People 2010 focus areas 18 (Mental Health and Mental Disorders) and 26 (Substance Abuse).

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are communities, domestic public and private nonprofit entities. States are not eligible, but local governments, federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes and tribal organizations, urban Indian organizations, public or private universities and colleges; and community- and faith-based organizations may apply. Tribal organization means the recognized body of any AI/AN Tribe; any legally established organization of American Indians/Alaska Natives which is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by such governing body or which is democratically elected by the adult members of the Indian community to be served by such organization and which includes the maximum participation of American Indians/Alaska Natives in all phases of its activities. Consortia of tribal organizations are eligible to apply, but each participating entity must indicate its approval. The statutory authority for this program prohibits grants to for-profit agencies.

States are not eligible to apply because they do not have the direct connection to the community level that is necessary for this place-based initiative. In the vast majority of cases, do not have the direct community relationship held by counties and localities that would be necessary to successfully coordinate the program. In those cases where such a relationship does exist, there is nothing in the RFA prohibiting the from partnering with a local government in support of the project and playing a more direct role, however, the legally responsible entity is expected to be the community-level organization.

Award Information

Funding Mechanism:	Cooperative Agreement
Anticipated Total Available Funding:	\$3.9 million
Anticipated Number of Awards:	Up to 6
Anticipated Award Amount:	Up to \$650,000 per year
Length of Project Period:	Up to 5 years

Proposed budgets cannot exceed \$650,000 in total costs (direct and indirect) in any year of the proposed project. Annual continuation awards will depend on the availability of funds, grantee progress in meeting project goals and objectives, timely submission of required data and reports, and compliance with all terms and conditions of award.

Contact Information

For questions on *program issues*, contact:

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Documents needed to complete a grant application:

1. REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)

YOU MUST RESPOND TO THE REQUIREMENTS IN THE RFA IN PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION.

- [Download Complete RFA Announcement SM-10-012 in PDF format](#) (file size 430 kbytes)  508 ✓
- [Download Complete RFA Announcement SM-10-012 in MS Word format](#) (file size 551 kbytes) 

2. GRANT APPLICATION KIT

YOU MUST USE THE FORMS IN THE APPLICATION KIT TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION.

- [Download Forms in Grant Application Kit](#)

Additional Materials

For further information on the forms and the application process, see [Useful Information for Applicants](#)

Additional materials available on this website include:

- [Technical Assistance and Training for SAMHSA Grant Applicants](#)
- [Grants Management at SAMHSA: Useful Information for Grantees](#)

NECTAC NEWS

For the current issue of NECTAC eNotes go to <http://www.nectac.org/enotes/enotes.asp>

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS/TRAININGS

**SAVE THE DATE: WEBINAR TO INTRODUCE EARLY STEPS
REVISED POLICIES**

MAY 4 & 6, 2010

Tuesday, May 4, 2010: 1:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.



OR

Thursday, May 6, 2010: 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

The webinar will be offered on two separate days to accommodate schedules. You will need to participate in only one of the meetings. The purpose of the webinar is to describe revisions to Early Steps policy documents, which were approved by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) on March 24, 2010 and will be implemented July 1, 2010. The target audience includes Early Steps Directors/Coordinators, Service Coordinators, Evaluators, Family Resource Specialists and Providers. Information regarding how to access the webinar will be disseminated in advance.

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX: EDUCATING STUDENTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

JULY 22 - 23, 2010

 <p>Details</p> <p>Sponsor s: Emory Autism Center</p> <p>MONARCH School Age Program</p> <p>Emory School of Medicine: Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences</p>  <p>Audience: General Education Teachers, Special Education Teachers,</p>	<p>Conference</p> <p>Thursday, July 22 - Friday, July 23, 2010 in Atlanta, GA</p> <p>July 22nd: Registration begins at 7:15am. Lecture from 8am-4pm July 23rd: Lecture from 8:30am-Noon</p> <p>Thinking Outside the Box: Educating Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders</p> <p>The new national statistics from the CDC on the incidence of ASD (1 in 110) place increasing pressure on school systems and teachers to meet the needs of this diverse population. In addition, state and federal statutes and regulations place pressure for excellence in teaching methods and progress in achievement within general and special education classrooms. The "Thinking Outside The Box" conference is designed to offer practical, research-based strategies for the full autism spectrum, which can assist teachers of K-12 students. Dr. Lisa Wiggins of the CDC will keynote the conference on Thursday. She will share the latest research initiatives in the area of ASD. On Friday, we are thrilled to host keynotes Dan & Julie Coulter. These popular authors, videographers, and parents of a child with Asperger's syndrome (AS) will share their insight into the Asperger's realm. Dan will also share his experiences parenting and living with his own AS diagnosis through a poignant, yet</p>
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Paraprofessionals,
Administrators, Speech
Language Pathologists,
Occupational Therapists,
Physical Therapists,
Counselors, School
Psychologists, Parents,
Family Members,
Community Therapists,
Physicians

Keynote Speakers:

Dan and Julie Coulter

Dan Coulter is a successful business owner with Asperger's Syndrome. Dan and his wife, Julie, own and operate an educational video production business in Winston-Salem, North Carolina called Coulter Video. Through writing, speaking, and video production, the couple addresses many issues to the public surrounding Asperger's and education.

Lisa Wiggins, Ph.D. is a scientist and research consultant for the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta. She conducts research on autism spectrum disorders and consults with community organizations that work with individuals with ASD.

...and more speakers!

- Donna Andrews, Ph.D.
- Karen Barineau
- Laura Cape, M.S.
- Jan Ford
- Pamela J. Hoppe
- Alice Murphy, Ed.D.
- Alison Oliver, M.Ed.
- Roy Sanders, M.D.
- Matt Segall, M.A.
- Gail Wilkins, Ed.S.

humorous presentation. Professionals and families will find important information to support K-12 students with ASD. Come and hear all the fantastic speakers this year!

Topics at the conference:

- Current research initiatives in ASD
- Characteristics of ASD
- Social games K- 12
- Reading strategies in students with ASD
- Teaching written expression
- Functional curriculum
- Analyzing behaviors in the inclusive classroom
- Toilet training and independence skills
- Co-teaching
- Using visual strategies in the Classroom
- Asperger's and education
- ASD & law enforcement for transitioning students
- Wills, trusts & legal planning for children with special needs
- Medications & ASD



Conference Location

[Atlanta Marriott Century Center](#)

2000 Century Boulevard NE
Atlanta, GA 30345

Phone: 404-325-0000

A block of rooms is available for \$69 plus tax per night at the Marriott.

The Atlanta Marriott Century Center is a luxury hotel near the PDK Peachtree Dekalb Airport, conveniently located off I-85. Offering complimentary parking, this hotel in North Druid Hills Atlanta provides easy access to Buckhead, Downtown, Midtown and Atlantic Station, as well as the CDC, Emory University and Georgia Tech.

Registration Fees

Early Registration: \$119

After 5/15/2010: \$130

Early registration must be postmarked by 5/15/10. Pre-

[Click here to download conference brochure](#)

and see more information on:

Registration

Continuing Education

Directions

Lodging

registration is highly recommended, and will be accepted by fax or mail up to 1 week prior to the conference contingent upon available space. On-site registration is limited to space available. Checks can be made payable to: Emory University. Please complete the [registration form](#) (last page of brochure) and send with payment to:

Emory University

Emory Autism Center

Attn: Business Office- MONARCH Program

1551 Shoup Court

Atlanta, GA 30322

Or fax registration form with purchase order to:

(404) 727-3969

Please put every attendee's name on check stub.

[Download conference brochure](#)

GA Teachers: 1 PLU is available for attending the entire conference. Please download the conference brochure for all education information.

[Spectrum Training Systems](#) will be providing an extensive autism-related **bookstore** at this conference. We accept Visa, Mastercard, Discover, checks, purchase orders and cash.

If you cannot download the conference brochure, please visit:

www.psychiatry.emory.edu and click "Programs," then "Autism Center."

Questions that cannot be answered by the brochure?

Please call the Emory Autism Center at (404) 727-8350

BUILDING BLOCK FOR BIG BEGINNINGS CONFERENCE

Type:

Education - Workshop

Date:

Saturday, August 7, 2010

Time:

7:45am - 4:30pm

Location:

Emerald Coast Conference Center

Street:

1250 Miracle Strip Parkway

City/Town:

Fort Walton Beach, FL

View Map

Description

The Fourth Annual Building Blocks for Big Beginnings Conference provides information to early education administrators and teachers on building communication, behavior and social skills through play.

Registration Fee: \$20 (by May 15, 2010); \$25 (by July 10, 2010)

6 In-service hours/points certificate - free

.6 CEUs - \$10.00 on-site

Online registration: <http://www.tats.ucf.edu/Forms/reg/2010August7.html>

CENTER FOR EARLY EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT (CEED) COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Corrected registration link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YJZRFGV>

We sincerely apologize that the link in the initial email announcement did not work. Please use this new link to register, and share it with your colleagues.

Connection, Information, and Innovation:

Family, Friend, and Neighbor Caregiving in Minnesota

Monday, June 28, 2010

10:00am-4:30pm

Continuing Education and Conference Center, University of Minnesota, St. Paul

Map and Directions

Announcing the first ever event for professionals who work with Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) caregivers, building on over a decade of groundbreaking work in FFN in Minnesota. This conference is intended for people who are working with FFN caregivers (formally or informally) and/or have an interest in developing a program to work with FFN caregivers and would like to know what's happening in Minnesota.

Presentations and posters will highlight current work that programs are doing with FFN throughout the state. Participants will be encouraged to interact with presenters throughout the day, and the conference will conclude with a session on creating a community of practice.

Agenda

9:30am	Registration
10:00am	Welcome and overview of the day
10:15am	FFN Grant Program evaluation presentations
10:45am	Q&A
11:00am	Presentations from FFN programs throughout the state
12:00pm	Lunch
12:30pm	Networking and Posters
1:30pm	Presentations from FFN programs throughout the state
2:30pm	Curriculum in FFN programs
3:00pm	"Sharing the Wisdom" presentation—results of interviews with grandparents participating in the FFN Grant Program
3:30pm	Concluding discussion
3:45pm	Adjourn, or stay until 4:30pm for a discussion group on creating a community of practice in MN

Registration and Travel Reimbursement

Through the generosity of the Minnesota Department of Human Services and the McKnight Foundation, this event is free, but *preregistration is required*. Funding from the McKnight Foundation will enable some travel reimbursement for outstate participants.

Register online and apply for travel reimbursement at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YJZRFGV>

Questions?

Contact Sara Zettervall, CEED Events Specialist, at sarazet@umn.edu or 612-625-2252.

WALK-FOR-WILLIAMS: COMMUNITY HELPS PUT WILLIAMS SYNDROME ON THE MAP! (WITH 3 ATTACHMENTS)

Please see attached press release and flyers regarding the upcoming Walk-For-Williams in the Tampa Bay area.